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SUBJECT: SOVIET VIEWS ON THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD)

1. ON JANUARY 13 SOVIET UN MISSION COUNSELLOR TULINOV
DISCUSSED CURRENT SOVIET THINKING ON EVE OF FOURTH SSOD
PREPCOM WITH USUN POLITICAL COUNSELLOR AND MISOFF.
FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS OF THE DISCUSSION.

2. SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE FOURTH PREPCOM. THE DELEGA-
TION WILL BE HEADED BY UN PERMREP TROYANOVSKY AND WILL
INCLUDE FOKINE AND TULINOV (SMUN) AS WELL AS MFA DISARM-
AMENT EXPERTS LOSINSKY AND STACHEVSKY. (NOTE: TROYANOVSKY TOLD
LEONARD EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT LOSINSKY WOULD STAY ON
AS HIS DEPUTY PERMREP.)

3. US SOVIET RELATIONS. TULINOV EMPHASIZED SEVERAL TIMES
THAT THE US AND THE USSR WILL REMAIN THE MAJOR STATES RES-
PONSIBLE FOR DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS REGARDLESS OF THE
DECISION REGARDING MACHINERY AND FORUMS ADOPTED BY
THE SPECIAL SESSION. THE USSR, HE SAID, HOPES THAT
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THE SPECIAL SESSION WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH OR MAR
CURRENT US/USSR NEGOTIATING EFFORTS. THE USSR COULD
NOT AGREE TO ANY DEADLINE OR TIMETABLE FOR THESE NEGO-
TIATIONS WHICH THE MORE RADICAL MEMBERS OF THE NON-
ALIGNED GROUP MIGHT TRY TO ESTABLISH.

4. THE FOURTH PREPCOM. TULINOV SAID THAT THE SOVIETS

WOULD SUBMIT NO MORE DOCUMENTS FOR THE FOURTH PREPCOM BEYOND THOSE INTRODUCED LAST FALL (A/AC.187/81 AND 82). IN REPLY TO HIS QUESTION, MISSOFF SAID THAT US WOULD NOT SUBMIT ITS OWN DRAFT DECLARATION ON PROGRAM OF ACTION, BUT WOULD PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN NEGOTIATION OF SSOD TEXTS. SOVIETS ANTICIPATE ALMOST ALL MEMBERS OF THE PREPCOM WILL WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATION OF THE DOCUMENTS, BUT HAVE NO CLEAR IDEA OF HOW NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED. TULINOV EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SOME NONALIGNED DELS MAY INTRODUCE RADICAL PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD TIE UP DRAFTING EXERCISE AND COULD EVEN PRECIPITATE VOTING.

5. PROGRAM OF ACTION. THE SOVIETS, HE SAID, PROBABLY WOULD FAVOR A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF ACTION RATHER THAN A SHORT TERM ONE. GARCIA ROBLES' PROPOSAL FOR A THREE YEAR PROGRAM CLEARLY IMPLIED SETTING DEADLINES.

6. DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. AT MOST THE SOVIETS PROBABLY WILL BE ABLE TO AGREE TO A GENERAL AND VAGUELY WORDED FORMULA ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. THEY WOULD NOT AGREE TO ANY NONALIGNED PROPOSAL ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS DERIVING FROM DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

7. DISARMAMENT MACHINERY. THE SOVIETS WOULD ACCEPT
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MINOR OR COSMETIC CHANGES BUT DO NOT FAVOR ANY RADICAL RESTRUCTURING OF CURRENT DISARMAMENT FORUMS. IN PARTICULAR, THE SOVIETS WANT TO MAINTAIN CCD CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. ("WE ARE LESS FLEXIBLE THAN YOU ALTHOUGH IF THERE WERE A CONSENSUS WE WOULD HAVE TO SEE.") AS REGARDS THE UN, THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT OBJECT TO CONFINING THE FIRST COMMITTEE AGENDA TO DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES. THEY WOULD NOT SUPPORT A PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, TO SET UP AN INDEPENDENT UN DISARMAMENT AGENCY (THE SO-CALLED UNCTAD FOR DISARMAMENT).

8. LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT THE SSOD. THE SOVIETS ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT THE INTENTIONS OF OTHER STATES AND ARE UNLIKELY TO MAKE A DECISION BEFORE APRIL. TULINOV EXPECTS THAT AT A MINIMUM GROMYKO WOULD ATTEND THE SSOD. IN RESPONSE TO HIS INQUIRY REGARDING RUMORS THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY COME, POL COUNSELOR SAID THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED RE LEVEL OF US PARTICIPATION.

9. AT THE END OF THIS DISCUSSION, TULINOV EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE US AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS WOULD STAY

IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER DURING THE PREPCOM AND
AT THE SPECIAL SESSION.

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